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ADVENTURE IN THE LIFE OF ROBERT LESLIE.

In the year 18—, before the eastern sec-
tion of South America had been designated
by the name of the Banda Oriental, the re-
publics of Uruguay and the Argentine were
engaged in a close and bloody war. Dis-
tracted by intestine commotions, and menac-
ed by fierce and sanguinary enemies from
without, it seemed as if, from the river La
Plata to the Mexican Gulf, the whole coun-
try would become convulsed in the throes of
a mighty revolution. All the ports on the
La Plata were under a strict and continual
blockade, to prevent supplies from being
thrown into the different towns then invested,
and to put a more effectual stop to smug-
gling, which had been very extensively car-
ried on.

At this period a company of adventurous
and enterprising merchants despatched a
fast-sailing and armed brigantine, com-
manded by an old and experienced seaman,
to cruise up and down the La Plata, and force
the valuable goods received from other ves-
sels, met at the mouth of the river, into the
different ports then under blockade. The
duty, not only an arduous but dangerous one,
still brought streams of gold into the coffers
of all engaged in it. Among the officers at-
tached to the gallant little Spitfire, (for the
smuggler was so named) was one whose ad-
ventures I now particularly intend relating.

He was next in command to his venerable
captain, who had seen more years of ser-
vice on the deep than years of life had pass-
ed over the youth. And judging from the
young officer's appearance, he had himself
run no sluggish career, for a life passed
amid all the vicissitudes of peril and adven-
ture had given a cast of gravity, I might
almost say sternness, to features which might
have rivalled a female's in sweetness and
delicacy of expression. His dark blue eyes,
when in repose, were of a dove-like softness,
but in action flashing a thousand fires; and
there were but few, very few, who cared to
look into those eyes when in anger. His
hair hung in wavy curls from a forehead of
snowy whiteness. The lower part of his face
having been browned by the fierce action of
a tropical sun, joined to a slight-budding
mustache, redeemed his almost feminine ap-
pearance. He was of the ordinary height;
and his form, slight but muscular, denoted to
the practised eye great activity and strength
in action. His age was twenty; his name
Robert Leslie.

Although the great disparity in years of
service between the two officers was so great,
the old seaman respected and trusted to the
utmost extent the skill of his young co-
adjutor; for they had been some time to-
gether; and the judicious but daring cour-
age of young Leslie when an attack was unavoi-
dable, joined with his frank and generous de-
meanor, had bound him to the old man's
heart with bands of steel.

It was a beautiful afternoon in the month
of June. The breeze was gently wafting the
little Spitfire onward to the haven where the
agent would be ready to unload the very val-
uable cargo with which the brigantine was
freighted. Her anxious commander antici-
pated that soon, very soon, he would be freed
from the cares and perils of his hazardous
mode of life, and returning home to his wife
and numerous family, resign the Spitfire to
young Leslie, and pass the remainder of his
days in peace and affluence. But alas! old
Captain Coffin was destined to a different
fate. The breeze which had heretofore been
steady, was now dying away, and the flap-
ping of the canvas would have foretold the
commencement of a long calm, had not a
white curling mist rising, as it appeared,
from the bosom of the deep, been a sure pro-
nouncement of the approach of the dangerous
pampero. Leslie, who at this time was offi-
cer of the deck, seeing it make its rapid ad-
vance towards the vessel, summoned the
ready crew to the necessary duty of reducing
the sails. His orders were obeyed with alac-
rity. The helm was shifted so as to bring
the head of the brigantine nearly in the di-
rection of the expected storm, and in that po-
sition she met the hurricane. Upon her first
feeling the force of the blast, the beautiful
vessel bent low, as if paying involuntary
homage to the spirit of the winds. Then ris-
ing gracefully and dashing the fierce
waves aside, she came to the wind and steady-
ly lay to. And well did the gallant briganti-
ne prove the qualities of her build and rig
and the skill of her officers, for in that situa-
tion she lay five days unharmed, and scarcely
shipping a drop of water, while the tremen-
dous storm whistling and sighing through her
cordage, chilled with melancholy every
heart. On the afternoon of the fifth day the
storm broke, and the wind was becoming
comparatively gentle, except when it came
in fitful, growling puffs, like the wantonings
of a tiger-cat driven from its prey. At
length the look-out on the forecastle reported
land! Immediately fold after fold of canvas
was displayed on the slender but firm spars.
The land was soon made out to be the is-
land of Achuana, uninhabited, but having a
fine harbor and well supplied with wood and
water. The vessel being in want of these in-
dispensable necessities, Captain Coffin
steered for the bay of Aranzuas. They were
proceeding to round the headland forming
one side of the bay, when an unexpected and
unwelcome sight met their view; for, within
a quarter of a mile of them was seen a large
Spanish guarda costa, of superior armament,
under sail coming out of the bay.

'Hard up the helm!' broke from the lips of
Captain Coffin. 'We must run from her, Les-
lie. Our cargo is too valuable to be
lightly risked. Pack on to her every thing,
sir; the wind has become steady, and the
brigantine will soon run her out of sight.'
She has seen us, however, for they are mak-
ing more sail.

Leslie proceeded to obey the orders, and
soon the gallant brigantine was again dash-
ing through the foam. Leslie walked aft and
examined the enemy with a spyglass.

'Do you know her, Mr. Leslie? Can you
make her out?' asked Capt. Coffin.

'I think, sir, she's the St. Jago, a heavy

vessel, mounting ten caronades and a long
gun. She has a numerous crew, and is a
fast sailer. I think we'll scarcely get off
without a brush. Shall I beat to quarters, sir?'

'Ay, ay, sir,' answered the captain.

The drum beat to arms; and the listless
air of inactivity which had pervaded the crew
of the brigantine, was displaced by move-
ments of quick intelligence and animation.

The brigantine mounted six short guns and
a long brass eighteen, and mustered fifty
men, all told. But these were men with
frames of iron and hearts of steel, and they
had been engaged in many desperate adven-
tures.

The decks and guns were speedily cleared
for action. Leslie, after examining all with
an attentive eye, resumed his examination
of the frigate through the spyglass. The
change of position of the brigantine, had
brought the stranger off her quarter, and
both vessels were at their utmost speed.

'We shall soon hear from her,' said Les-
lie, addressing the captain. 'He is about
speaking us with his long gun.'

'Well, let him try,' replied the old man,
smiling. 'I am sorry we have not time to
return his politeness.'

At this moment the gorgeous flag of Spain
opened its folds to the gaze of all. 'Show
him the stars and stripes,' said the captain,
and it was done. Leslie was at this moment
within a few feet of the captain. The stran-
ger was observed to diverge from her course.
A smoke, and a twelve pound shot, crashed
through the bulwarks, striking the captain of
the Spitfire full in the chest, dashing him to
the deck and nearly severing him in two. A
slight quivering of the limbs, and all was
still. Leslie cast one look upon the good
old man, who had been to him as a father,
signed to the men nearest him to bear the
remains to the cabin, and drew his cutlass.

The sweet and delicate expression, which
characterised his features, had vanished, and
a fierce smile of savage determination had
taken possession of them, almost terrific to
look upon. There was a deathlike silence
throughout the vessel. The men looked upon
him, awe-struck. He exclaimed in a low
deep voice, 'We will avenge him!'

The words were nothing of themselves, but the
tone thrilled through the frames of all who
heard him. Again he spoke: 'Down helm
and brace up.' The command was obeyed
with alacrity, and the brigantine was soon
running directly towards the Spaniard. The
suddenness of the movement appeared to
startle the stranger, for a confusion was ob-
served on board her, which Leslie perceiv-
ing, sprang to the long gun, which was heav-
ily loaded with grape and canister. By a
wave of his hand, which the helmsman un-
derstood and obeyed, the brigantine flew
from her course. He applied the match—
the gun was discharged, sending havoc and
death among those against whom it was di-
rected. The Spitfire immediately bounded
back again, on her course, towards the de-
voted vessel. The aim had been unerring;
the slaughter, from the crowded state of the
stranger's decks, was immense. The briganti-
ne was now nearing the Spaniard rapidly,
and gun after gun from the latter was of
no avail in making the gallant little briganti-
ne swerve from her course.

Leslie again spoke: 'Boatswain, have two
men provided with axes. Stand by with the
grappling irons. Quartermaster, run the
brigantine direct athwart her hawse.'

The brigantine dashed upon her prey—
'Follow me, every man!' shouted Leslie as
he mounted her forecastle. His crew gave
a loud cheer and followed their daring com-
mander, who was now engaged hand to
hand with two Spaniards. He cut them both
down, for nothing could withstand his desper-
ate bravery. His men nobly seconded him.
They drove the Spaniards into the waist—
'Cut away her foremast!' was now the quick
order of Leslie to the two axe-men. A few
strokes and the spar tottered. 'Charge them
again, my hearts of oak!' shouted Leslie—
'Remember your good old commander!'

And again they charged the close-wedged
mass. Many a Spaniard fell, cloven by the
irresistible cutlass of Leslie. The Spaniard
had been for some time, trying to get one of
his quarter-guns pointed forward, which
would have swept most of the smugglers into
eternity. But they were too late. A voice
was heard—'All ready with the mast. Take
off the headboard. Let fall then, let fall!'—
shouted Leslie. 'Bear back, men, bear
back,' and he retreated with his men to the
forecastle. One stroke more and the mast
falls with a terrific crash, crushing many of
the enemy in its descent.

'Aboard! aboard with ye all!' again spoke
Leslie, firing his pistols in the very faces of
the advancing Spaniards. He was the last
man to spring aboard of the brigantine. 'Off
grapplings!' The brigantine swung clear,
and away again flew the gallant bark un-
injured, and with the loss of only three men
killed and five wounded.

The Spitfire had proceeded about a mile.
Leslie, who had been pacing the deck, wrap-
ped in thought, occasionally casting an eye
to his crippled adversary, suddenly gave the
orders: 'In light sails! heave her head yards
about!' The men looked upon each other
with astonishment, but immediately obeyed.
'Man the long gun. I'll have ample ven-
geance for that shot. Bring up the remains
of Captain Coffin.'

The long gun was beautifully served—
Every shot told upon her unmanageable ad-
versary with terrific precision, tearing her
to pieces and spreading slaughter among her
crew. And now was manifest the policy of
Leslie, to avenge the fall of his commander.
He could not have fought successfully with
the Spaniard at a distance, from the superi-
ority of her armament. He could not have
carried her entirely by boarding, from her
immense number of men. And by this sin-
gularly daring, and I believe solitary instance
of crippling an antagonist, he competed suc-
cessfully with a superior force. But he had
not yet finished with her: Captain Coffin's
remains were brought on deck, to be prepar-
ed for a burial at sea—sowed up in his ham-
mock, and the flag of his country wrapped
round him.

'You are gone,' said Leslie, looking upon
the mutilated remains, and his voice uncon-
sciously acquired a feminine softness. 'You
are gone, my good, kind old commander—
But, and his voice became stern—'you are
avenged, and you shall be more than avenged.'

All this while the gun had been playing on
the enemy, whose fire ceased entirely after
a few ineffectual shots. She was a complete
wreck—every spar gone. Her flag had fallen
when her mainmast went, and as that fell,
the remains of honest old Captain Coffin
were consigned to a seaman's grave. For
three hours and a half Leslie kept up a con-
tinual fire upon the unfortunate vessel. At
last the shades of night darkened around—
The gun had become heated, and Leslie,
casting one last look upon his sinking enemy,
gave the orders to bear away for his destined
port.

SUFFERINGS OF GUADALUPE VICTORIA.